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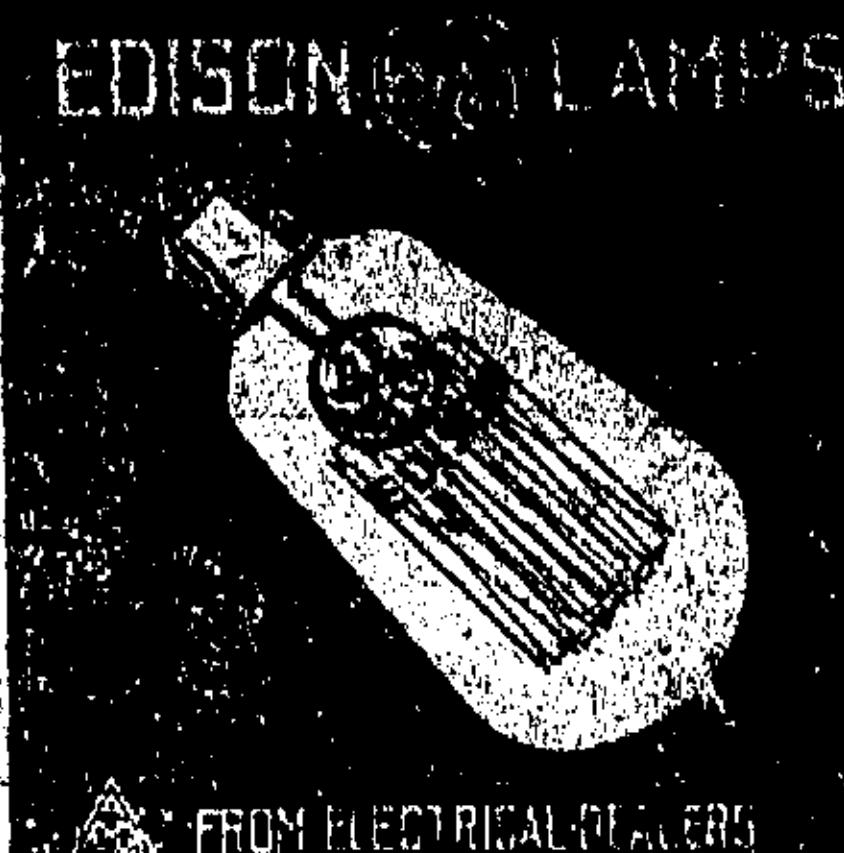
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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

#### Latest Developments in America.

Washington, February 10. Mr. Colby refused to give the Senate Foreign Committee any information regarding negotiations with Japan. A New York message says pro-disarmament circles are disappointed at the Senate Committee's action on Senator Borai's resolution. The *World* deplores the obstinacy of Congress in leaving over the matter to the new Administration, because it has long been apparent that the Great Powers will enter into any discussions in which the United States participates. The *Times* thinks the call for a Disarmament Conference should come from America, but since the Peace Treaty and the League have been rejected it is logical and prudent that America should continue preparations for war.

#### The Greatest Danger.

Washington, February 10. The Senate's Naval Report asserts that capital ships must remain the principal units of sea-power, adding that submarines and aircraft are still only auxiliary forces. It expresses a desire to secure a reduction of armaments, but says disarmament would be valueless unless general, and, in the case of the great maritime Powers, universal. It declares that the greatest imaginable danger to peace would be for one nation to expose itself to attack while another was preparing all its engines of war.

#### LIQUOR ON SHIPS.

#### Strict Meaning of New American Ruling.

New York, February 10. The Customs authorities opine that the decision of the Department of Justice that no ship transporting liquor from one foreign port to another may call at an American port, will, if strictly carried out, prevent the entry of any passenger liner having a bar, even though its contents are sealed. Shipping circles considerably doubt whether the ruling will be strictly construed.

#### U.S. COPPER MARKET.

#### Proposed Big Sale for Export.

New York, February 10. Plans are announced for financing the sale for export of 400,000,000 lbs. out of 600,000,000 lbs. of surplus copper in the American market. The product is pledged as security for \$40,000,000 eight per cent. notes of the Copper Export Association which will be offered for public sale by a banking syndicate.

#### U.S. MARINES WRECK NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

New York, February 10. A message from Managua says thirty American marines wrecked the offices of the newspaper *Tribuna* on account of an article alleged to be insulting to marines. A Washington message says Rear Admiral Bryan is going to Managua to investigate the disturbance. So far, twenty marines have been arrested.

#### NEW YORK CONTRACTOR SENTENCED.

New York, February 10. Robert Brindell, a prominent contractor, known as "the Tsar of the Building Trades," who was recently convicted of extortion in connection with the construction of a new municipal building in New York, has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of from five to ten years.

#### U.S. STEEL CORPORATION PRICES UNCHANGED.

New York, February 11. The United States Steel Corporation has not made any further reduction in prices, opining that competitors will be unable to sell products profitably below the Corporation's price.

#### MR. FORD'S DENIAL.

New York, February 10. Mr. Henry Ford, interviewed, denies that he ever sought a loan of any kind in Wall Street, as recently reported.

#### THE SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION.

Cape Town, February 11. The position of General Smuts has been further improved. With only ten results awaited, the South African Party has secured 72 seats, and Labour 9. The Nationalists have gained six seats. One Independent has been returned.

"The gains" here attributed to the Nationalists presumably refer to successes in particular constituencies—not to a net gain. All three parties have scored "gains."

#### General Smuts Success Exceeds all Expectations.

Later. At midnight the South African Party had secured 76 seats (18 gains); Labour, unchanged; Nationalists, 41 seats (7 gains); independent, one. General Smuts is now assured of a majority of twenty, which is beyond all expectations, as ten is considered a good working majority. Parliament meets on the 4th of March.

#### NORWEGIAN "CONCHIE'S."

Christiania, February 11. Conscientious objectors, provided they be genuine, are to be accommodated with national service for military service for a period of six months, or any shorter time. National service is to include apprenticeship, road-making, and other work.

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### INDIA'S NEW REGIME.

#### Duke of Connaught's Stirring Appeal.

London, February 10. At the inauguration of the new Council of State and Legislative Assembly at Delhi, the Duke of Connaught read a message from His Majesty the King, in the course of which he stated:—"For years, maybe for generations, patriotic and loyal Indians have dreamed of Home Rule for their Motherland. To-day they have the beginnings of Home Rule within the Empire and the widest scope and ample opportunity for progress to the liberty enjoyed by the other Dominions." The message dwelt on the new Council's very special responsibility to the world of the wisdom of the great constitutional change.

In a subsequent speech, the Duke of Connaught made a striking personal appeal, which produced a scene of great emotion. He said since his landing he had felt around him bitterness and estrangement between those who had been and should be friends. The shadow of Amritsar had lengthened over the fair face of India. He expressed His Majesty's deep concern and his own intense feeling at the terrible chapter of events in the Punjab and as an old friend of India movingly appealed to the British and Indians to let the dead past bury its dead, to forgive where necessary and to co-operate to realise new-born hopes.

#### BRITISH NORTH BORNEO'S ADMINISTRATION.

#### Sir West Ridgeway Replies to "Well-Meaning Zealots".

London, February 10. Sir West Ridgeway, President of the British North Borneo Chartered Company, in a letter to the *Times* referring to the charges of the Anti-Slavery Aborigines Protection Society against the Administration in North Borneo which have been officially investigated, declared they were unfounded. He strongly advises the Society's Committee to exercise some supervision and restraint over well-meaning zealots, who, obsessed by the delusion that every British employer of native labour is a tyrant and every Government official in countries inhabited by native races necessarily a liar, drag the Society into false and compromising situations. He instances the recent attacks on the Administration in East Africa, West Africa, South Africa and now North Borneo, which are as unjustified as cruel. He was advised by eminent counsel that the recent attacks on the Chartered Company were actionable.

#### THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

#### Views of New Zealand Delegate.

London, February 11. Sir John Findlay, who represented New Zealand at the Imperial Conference of 1911 and is now in London, in an article in the Press, says that New Zealand and Australia, while appreciating Japan's assistance in the war, have resolved to remain white man's countries. They have prepared plans for a big scheme, firstly of Imperial, secondly of European immigration, barring Germans and Russians. The scheme will presently be launched. They object emphatically to the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, which is not justified since the Russian and German monarchs have been removed and America is ready to make common cause in the event of a Japanese peril. The question, says Sir John Findlay, must be properly threshed out at the coming Imperial Conference.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. ALFRED SZE.

London, February 10. A correspondent of the *Times* who says he had peculiar opportunities of knowing the facts pays a tribute to the work of Mr. Alfred Sze in promoting the best possible Anglo-Chinese relations and praises his tact and skill and his courteous and perfectly frank diplomacy.

#### AMATEUR WIRELESS RECORD.

London, February 11. What probably constitutes a record for amateur wireless in Great Britain is reported by Mr. Kenneth Hale of Plymouth, who in a letter to the periodical the *Wireless World* states that he successfully received wireless messages from Bandoeng nightly for a week.

#### LATE LORD MAYER OF CORK'S SISTER.

Lincoln (Neb.), February 11. The Lower House has refused to allow Miss MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, to speak on Irish questions, declaring that her mission is of no importance to the people of Nebraska.

#### TURKISH NATIONALIST RECALCITRANCY.

Paris, February 11. A Beirut telegram states that after nearly a year's siege by French troops in consequence of the recalcitrancy of the Turkish Nationalist authorities thereof, the town of Aintab capitulated yesterday.

#### FRENCH POLITICS.

Paris, February 11. It is officially announced that the corrected figures of the vote of confidence in the Government were 363 to 114. There were 10 abstentions.

M. Briand, in a speech winding up a protracted debate, admitted the importance of the sacrifices to which France had consented, but said a different policy would have exposed France to isolation.

#### MR. HARDING BACK TO WORK.

St. Augustine (Fla.), February 11. Mr. Harding has been back at work for three weeks in Florida making his annual inspection tour of the country, and is due to Washington on Saturday.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### PRESENTATION TO FRENCH HEROES.

#### Bequest by an Alsatian.

Paris, February 11. An impressive ceremony took place at St. Germains, near Paris, when M. Millerand presented to each of five soldiers, who for conspicuous bravery had been awarded during the war the Cross of the Legion of Honour and the Military Medal, a bond of French Reims from a legacy by a patriotic-minded Alsatian. M. Millerand, in a speech, extolled the heroism of the French Army.

#### GERMAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST REPARATION DECISION.

#### French Press on Allied Unity.

Paris, February 11. The papers, noting the violent campaign of protests and abuse started in Germany against decision reached at the Paris Conference, point out its futility, stating that the Allies are firmly resolved not to allow themselves to be divided or led astray by a fresh display of German vindictiveness and bad faith.

#### HIGH HONOURS FOR INDO-CHINESE OFFICIALS.

#### Recognition of Natives.

Paris, February 11. To-day's nominations to higher ranks of the Legion d'Honneur include the names of several native officials of French Indo-China in recognition of long and distinguished services and unshakable loyalty to France.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

#### A NEW CHRONICLE.

#### The Tribulations of Poo-nee-phoot.

And it came to pass that in the twelfth moon of the year there was much murmuring of tongues and behold the mighty hosts of Poo-nee-phoot, leader of the Bone-Dryers, went up and fought against the armies of So-Kur, King of the Boo-Surs.

And every day within and without the walls of every dwelling place in the land of So-Sha did the battle rage, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

And behold, the whole world did watch the fray from afar off; saying, Verily, before long the swift messengers of Roy-Tur shall bring the tidings that all shall know to which side hath been given the victory. Then shall all men know also to whom hath been given the greater share of wisdom.

For be it known that the armies of the Bone-Dryers and of the So-Kurs were in the beginning one at heart, and in unity had they together worshipped the great god Bar-ley Korn, the sacred idol of the Roy-Sturers, and upon his altar had they sacrificed the wives and children of their generation. But behold, at the coming of one Poo-nee-phoot, a Chewing-gum, he that also for a sign rideth on the water cart, they had split up into camps and under three hosts were they now divided. And there was much hot air in land.

For many moons had the followers of Poo-nee-phoot boasted after this manner, saying, Verily, by the twelfth moon we shall fall upon these swillers of strong waters and wash them out. Upon the priests of Bar-ley Korn shall we wreak our vengeance. They shall be scattered as chaff before the wind and their name shall be mud, yea, we shall not as much leave them a house wherein to dwell. These things shall we do unto them that the fame of Poo-nee-phoot may be made known throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Now the followers of So-Kur, King of the Boo-Surs, were wont to worship Bar-ley Korn without ceasing. They were men of few words and not until such tide as they had worshipped at his shrine was that they were wont with a smile on their lips and glee in their hearts.

On their return they did wish upon their concordance and the success of their enterprise, and when they did so, they did say, "We will make this country safe for the publican."

And at the waxing of the twelfth moon the battle had but almost ceased and swift messengers carried the news throughout the land that all might know the result thereof. In the cities and in the marketplaces there was much searching of heart and many of little faith fearing the issue would fail had a stock in before the Bone-Dryers passed over the land.

But it came to pass that the god Bar-ley Korn was proclaimed the victor and Poo-nee-phoot leader of the aqua-quakers was laid low.

And many rejoiced and were exceeding glad.

And I, Mak Whur, am of Al-Guan, al-ade, met me at one time I was absent in my heart lest the land of So-Kur might become as an orange field, which after being thrown away became a desert.

## CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN.

### Shortly Due in Hongkong.

We learn that His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan will shortly pay a visit to Hongkong.

He is leaving Tokyo on or about the February 25th on a visit to England, and will call here en route.

## DEATH OF BARON KONDO.

### President of the N.Y.K.

The local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha informs us that a cablegram has been received from Tokyo conveying the sad news that Baron Rempel Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, died on the 9th instant, and that the funeral is to take place on the 13th instant.

The late Baron Kondo, who was born in 1850, was created a Baron in 1911. He had long been associated with shipping, having served under the late Iwasaki, whose relative by marriage he subsequently became. He was appointed a Director of the N.Y.K. on its creation, was elected Vice President at the time of the Japan-China War and finally became its President. He was awarded the 2nd Class Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his services in transport work during the Russo-Japanese War, and was an M.P. but had lately kept aloof from politics.

### TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 5½d.

### THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer:—30.04. Temperature:—65. Humidity:—65.

### LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 6.17 p.m.

### DON'T FORGET.

To-day. Automobile Association.—Annual meeting at Jardine, Matheson's—5.15 p.m. Theatre Royal.—J. C. Williamson's Vaudeville Co.—9.15 p.m. Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m. Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow. Coronet Theatre—2.15, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

And those who had returned to the land of their fathers from the Great War were exceeding wrath against Poo-nee-phoot and they did ride on the water waggon. And they cursed those men who flaunted blue ribbons in their faces and did go into the conflict with grim steadfastness, saying We will make this country safe for the publican.

And at the waxing of the twelfth moon the battle had but almost ceased and their faces belied their words.

And those who were in the pay of the priests replied saying, It goeth well with us. And of the priests were wretched in smiles.

And many were the people who went to pull one with another. Men of grave looks adorned with square black headgear, such men loving the "blessings" in strict moderation. Mothers there were who with many children found that a "wee sensation" worketh wonders at times. Men there were also of genial aspect who went up against Poo-nee-phoot with a smile on their lips and glee in their hearts.

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## STEEL PROSPECTS IN THE U.S.

## Corporation and Independent Views.

A report from Pittsburgh, discussing steel conditions at the close of the year, remarks that naturally the close approach of the year-end has not brought an improvement in the demand for pig iron and steel products. The market is always dull in December. While the best test of trade prospects is the course of buying, there are some other indications. One subsidiary of the Steel Corporation has canvassed its customers in certain of its products as to their probable tonnage requirements in 1921, and the total of the estimates is considerably larger than the tonnages received during the past year.

Another index is found in a canvass made by an independent, covering its jobbing customers, as to what shipments they desired in a certain product. The uniform policy of these jobbers was to round out their stocks, supply sizes in which they were deficient, but not to increase the total of stock.

The scrap dealers are keen observers of the situation. At the present time the dealers are putting scrap into yard rather sparingly, and apparently think they will have several months in which to accumulate supplies against the next upturn. Scrap appears to have declined as far as it is likely to go, so that the dealers are hardly waiting for lower prices.

## THE INDEPENDENTS' PROSPECTS.

The prospects are that the Steel Corporation will continue to operate at substantially its present rate, which is above 90 per cent., while the independents, now operating at 30 or 35 per cent., will soon be almost wholly idle, say, within two or three weeks. Just after the turn of the year there may be a slight improvement in independent operations, but the prospect is for almost complete idleness for the independents until the general buying movement in steel occurs. That may be in April, and it may not be before autumn.

An important point in steel market history has been reached, the point of the independent order books playing out and of the independents dropping their prices to the Steel Corporation level, after a flight lasting approximately a twelvemonth. There were various predictions as to what would occur. Some independent steel producers held that they would not have to reduce their price to the Steel Corporation level until business got so bad that the Steel Corporation itself would have to reduce prices, on account of tightness of orders. That view has already proved erroneous.

The independents display not the slightest desire to deprive the Steel Corporation of any of its business, and customers of the Steel Corporation show every evidence that they are going to "stick," whether from gratitude for past service or through expectation that another flight of independent prices with the Steel Corporation holding steady may come again.

## SLACK TIME POLICIES.

It is now a subject for debate in steel circles whether a new alignment has permanently been established as to the repetitive character of business done by the Steel Corporation and independents. Formerly they did substantially the same kind of business. The smaller mills usually made a practice of closing in poor times and in good times keeping their order books clear of long-term contracts so that they could secure delivery premiums upon occasion. Thus they struck a fair average in the matter of profits. Now it looks as though all the independents would have to pursue the course formerly followed only by the smaller mills. Particularly in the second and third quarters of this year the independents made larger profits per ton than the Steel Corporation. For a time they will have scarcely any profits, while the corporation earnings will, if anything, be larger than formerly. The question is whether this is only one incident or is typical of a new order of things. Some observers have become convinced that the independents will follow the same course the next time opportunity is presented.

Practically no one doubts that there is going to be "shading by independents." There are some reports of that already, but thus

## NEWS AND VIEWS.

I would far rather be a dirty Tennyson than a clean Asquith. Mr. Gilbert Frankau in an open letter to Mrs. Asquith.

I would sooner peruse an ex-purgated edition of *Decameron* than the diary of Mrs. Asquith.—Judge Athelrey Jones.

The Portuguese Parliament has voted a resolution that the bodies of two unknown soldiers shall be brought to Portugal and buried in the Belem Pantheon.

The trade and commerce of the world, in spite of idealists, will gravitate to the groups of men in any country who are able to produce cheaper and better than others.—Lord Leverhulme.

A Danish subject who has just returned from Russia says that people there occasionally make a little money by selling such relics of former prosperity as a pair of trousers or boots, for which sums ranging from 75,000 to 125,000 rubles may be obtained.

The moving picture has made its way into the elementary school system of New York, not as a sporadic and occasional lecture auxiliary, but as part of the regular curriculum, and biology, geography, and other subjects will be taught through use of the screen.

The ex-German raider *Mowat*, which so daringly harassed trade routes during the war, and evaded all attempts at capture, is due to reach Liverpool on Monday from Jamaica with a cargo of bananas. It is a strange turn that transforms the former destroyer of fruit vessels to carrier of fruit.

The remains of Highland Mary, immortalised in the works of the national poet, have been removed from the Old West Kirk burying-ground, and will be re-interred in Greenock Cemetery. The Old West Kirk burying-ground and venerable edifice are in the area which has been acquired by the shipbuilding firm of Messrs Harland and Wolff for the extension of their business.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson expressed the opinion to me (says the London correspondent of the *Glasgow Herald*) that Glasgow should be the first place in Scotland to go "dry." He would have liked that the whole campaign had been concentrated on Glasgow this year, and that the voting had not been decentralised by the contests, having been limited toward divisions. He is practically convinced that Glasgow is ready to go "dry."

Mr. Johnson, however, is not so sure about the other Scottish cities. He was more impressed with his reception at Dundee than that he met with in Aberdeen and Edinburgh. Now where did he find the local temperance leaders more optimistic than at Inverness, and according to the figures for the Highland capital gave him at least one surprise. He concludes that there has been too much platform oratory in the whole Scottish campaign, and that less lecturing would have been more effective. His own record in Scotland was 23 speeches.

far it appears that no real shading of consequence has occurred. Some Western mills have made prices that are nominally "ent prices," the delivered price being less than the recognized Pittsburgh price plus rail freight from Pittsburgh to destination, but such selling is more properly to be considered as simply an ignoring of the "Pittsburgh basing."

Inasmuch as the average production of steel during the first nine or ten months of this year, when demand appeared to be extremely heavy, was on'y about 80 per cent. of capacity, while the next time demand is active there are not likely to be serious physical obstacles in the way of production at capacity, it seems a difficult proposition to fill the steel with orders. Yet the industry's powers of recuperation have often furnished a surprise. Oil development promises, on the whole, to continue on a large scale, and that requires much steel. The railroads certainly need steel. If building conditions in general are made favourable, there will be heavy requirements in that direction. It seems easily possible that the country can put itself on such a basis that it will be ready, in time, to take all the steel the mills can make.

## A NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL

It is all a matter of mood how a man will choose to spend the evening. No one supposes that the same mood will take a man differently to the Opera or a Charlie Chaplin film, and no man tosses a coin at the dinner table and says, "Heads I go to see Galsworthy's new play and tails I go to see a boxing match."

The mood for an evening of boxing at the headquarters of the sport comes, I find—and personal experience is the only thing worth setting down—with rude health and well-being, and the glow of the open air, states Mr. Edgar Rowan in the *Daily Chronicle*. Give me a man who has been tramping the stubble all day, or riding across country or doing any one of those pleasant things of the open fields that make you remember your red blood and forget your liver; dine him on plain English fare—he should certainly drink good beer, or, if a wine, only a sound Burgundy, with it—and as he lights his cigar afterwards say, "Shall we go to the boxing to-night?" I think you've got him.

For the man who would know and enjoy his modern London an occasional evening at the National Sporting Club is not so much luxury as a necessity.

## FAMOUS SPECTATORS.

You realise that you are a guest at a private function. You pass either through a smoking lounge or a dining room to reach the ring-side, and if you come with thrill of novelty hurrying your feet you are astounded, to see members sitting calmly at a chop, or sipping their coffee, although the first combatants are actually stripped and within the ropes just beyond the door.

Bomb the ring-side seats on any important Monday night, and you would wipe out half the best known men in the country—peers, merchant-princes, actors, novelists, politicians, generals, admirals, and the like. If you have gone there with ideas of boxing taken solely from "Rodney Stone," and the stories of pugilism of a bygone day, these rows of well-groomed men in evening dress, quietly expectant as if it were a Melba night at the Opera, are curiously disappointing. Even in these days of padded gloves there is a grimness about a well-matched bout, a sudden glimpse of the elemental fighting spirit that is generally kept hidden, and these snowy shirt-fronts are like strapped revellers from another and softer world.

## PRELIMINARIES OF THE FIGHT.

I remember the same sense of incongruous only once before. We had been called from dinner on a liner to see some big icebergs, and stood on deck in the vast solitudes of North Atlantic, in the evening kit of modern civilisation, the ladies with wraps thrown hastily over dainty shoulders, watching these visitors from the ancient fastnesses of the Pole drift past in the silent gloom.

My neighbour nudged me. The big event of the night was about to begin. The principals were seated in their corners wrapped in dressing gowns and hemmed in by their attendants, while there was much much business of adjusting knuckle bandages and tying on gloves. Buckets of water, hot les, sponges, towels and all the equipment of a fighter's corner are placed ready. I find myself curiously thrilled by the grimness of these preparations etc. yet the fight has stated—there come back to me passages from Battalion Orders, about stretcher bearers and dressing stations, before we go over, and I see the doctor checking his bandages and making sure that the morphia is handy.

"Seconds out!" A gong clangs into my dreams. It had just come to me that this very club was formerly Evan's, the famous supper and singing rooms, and for a moment I was recalling a famous chapter in "The Newcomes" I might have wandered further back among the ghosts of the past, but the two men spring to their feet, their seconds leap through the ropes and to the ground, whipping the stools out of the ring in the same motion; there is a swift handshake in the centre of the 20 foot arena as of acquaintances meeting hurriedly in the street, and the clash has joined.

**THE OPENING ROUND.**  
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## BRITISH HELIGOLANDERS.

## NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB

## Appeal of 48 Lonely Exiles in the North Sea.

An appeal to the British nation signed by 48 inhabitants of Heligoland says that the rights accorded to them under the Anglo-German Agreement of 1890 have been abolished by the German authorities.

"The Prussian Government asserts that by International Law all treaties between belligerents were terminated by the late war," proceeds the statement.

Among the rights to be preserved to Great Britain under the agreement was the maintenance of a Lloyd's station on the island, the right of British fishermen to anchorage, shelter, water, provisions, and landing and drying of nets.

"We are a small community, speaking our own language and living our own lives on our lonely island in the North Sea," concludes the appeal. It might be claimed by us that if the agreement is declared void we revert to Great Britain. But if this is no longer possible we appeal to Great Britain to support our just claims to the rights she guaranteed to us at the time of our accession to Germany."

physical exertions in this atmosphere—and if you are sitting at any distance you see the white bodies through a blue-grey haze, springing, thrusting, now breaking into what appears to be a few steps of a grotesque dance, now poised rigidly, and now locked in a clinch. It is the first round, an affair of patrols, each feeling for the other's position and strength.

The bell clangs at last—three minutes can be variously a flash or a lifetime—and the men spring to their corners, where already the stools have been swung into position. A short interval of to and fro flapping to help the hard-pumping lungs, of sputtering perspiring face and body, of rubbing of muscles, till the bell clangs again.

By this time the business of patrols and scouts is over. The battle, though it may at present be but an affair of skirmishing

## Old Whitehall Haunts Reoccupied.

Last month members of the National Liberal Club returned to their old quarters in Whitehall, from which they were evacuated during the war.

They made an excellent deal in buying the old Westminster Palace Hotel for temporary occupation, and the profit realised by its resale has enabled the committee to maintain the present rate of subscription, as well as to make the Whitehall premises more cosy and up to date.

The old building has received a thoroughoverhauling. Magnificent new carpets have been laid down, warm curtains hang from the windows, and the woodwork throughout has been repolished.

Improvements have been made in the serving department, in order to facilitate the service of meals, and members will be permitted to smoke in the reading-room from which smokers were formerly excluded. The small smoking-room on the second floor will now be used as a committee-room.

One of the most welcome improvements is a new heating system by which the whole of the club is warmed throughout. The Gladstone Library which because of its size was very uncomfortable in winter, will now be one of the cosiest rooms in the club.

line, while the heavier forces wait for an opening, has joined in good earnest.

And so, for better and for worse, it goes its destined course, sometimes to the will and unanswerable decision of the "knock out"—actually a very harmless thing which the trained man regards less seriously than you regard your partner's foot reluctantly on yours, or dancing—or else to the judicial accounting of points. The members stream out into Covent Garden, where a crowd of enthusiasts gather to hear the results. Another night at the Club is over.

## KOWLOON MARATHON.

## A Fine Sporting Event.

The 1921 Marathon held at Kowloon yesterday under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, was invested with a great deal of interest to the Colony in general and to Kowloon in particular from the fact that it was an event designed to bring out the form of local European runners and also that Kowloon saw its first big effort in the athletic line pass off with conspicuous success. Contrary to expectations, however, there was not the big crowd that thronged the starting point as in last year's meet, this fact being accredited to the unfavourable hour which clashed with the business and the distance of the meet from this side of the harbour. Military exercises also interfered with the meet, so that out of seventy-two entries listed for the race, only thirty-six runners faced the starter.

It must be stated to the credit of the organisers, that their management of the meet was wholly responsible for the excellent arrangements provided for runners and Press alike, and if the meet was so largely attended as it should be, that must be laid to the public generally, who missed what was really a very "sporting" time.

The officials were as under:

Chairman of Committee: Rev. G. R. Lindsay; Hon. Secretary, Mr D. A. Purvis; Starter, Mr T. W. Robertson; Timekeeper, Mr N. L. Railton; members of Sub-Committee, Mr. W. R. Farmer and Mr W. Jackson; Pointsmen, Messrs. Spradberry, Jennings, Wileox, Shackton, Stokes, Jenifer, Staple, Watson, Nicholls, Hyde, G. Jack, A. E. Farrell, M. Morrison, T. Arnott, Simpson, and D. A. Purvis.

After having been instructed as to the conditions of the race, the start was made at 4.20, the following comprising the field:

A. Meir, Kowloon Dock.  
G. Chubb, United F.C.  
Lee. Cpl. Britten, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Lee. Cpl. Hawkins, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Sgt. Rooney, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Lee. Cpl. Phillips, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Pte. Woodward, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pte. H. S. Smith, Wiltshire Regiment.

M. L. Railton, Jardine Matheson and Co.

H. Codling, H.M.S. Titania.  
P. Meen, H.M.S. Titania.  
T. Hermitage, H.M.S. Titania.  
E. C. Pelling, H.M.S. Titania.  
H. Percival, H.M.S. Titania.  
L. Popple, H.M.S. Titania.  
G. Pemberton, H.M.S. Titania.  
T. Linsley, H.M.S. Titania.  
L. McDonald, H.M.S. Titania.  
J. Hutchley, H.M.S. Titania.  
H. Derbyshire, H.M.S. Titania.  
P. Dance, H.M.S. Titania.  
J. Morrison, H.M.S. Titania.  
Gnr. O. H. Bayley, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

Pte. Elms, Wiltshire Regiment, merit.

Pte. Potter, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Pte. Barter, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Lee. Cpl. Hawkins, Wiltshire Regiment.

Mr. Williams, Submarine L15.  
Mr. Frost, Submarine L15.

Pte. A. H. Madell, R.M.L.I.

H.M.S. Titania.

Mr. Paul Xavier, Kowloon.  
Mr. E. Souza, Kowloon.

Mr. Carlos Assumpao.

Mr. Ribeiro.

Mr. Old.

Keeping closely together, the field moved off at a swift trot, but by the time the Kowloon Dairy was reached, the weather, which inclined towards the uncomfortable side, began to tell, and the field strung well out, with Andrew Meir and Codling well in front. Britten soon got into the third place, and closely following him at a distance of about one hundred feet were Morrison, Ralph and Derbyshire. Behind at 250 yards, the following formed the order: Williams, Hutchley, Old, and Pelling. At 100 yards further back, Potter came up with the others, his condition indicating that he was in an advanced state of distress. The last man passed this point fifteen minutes after the commencement of the race.

At four miles, Meir was still keeping his lead, proceeding along at an easy pace, with Williams and Old at equal intervals behind. First past Bailey's Shipyard was Meir, who was followed well behind by Ralph. The latter was bunched together with Morrison, Britten and Codling. Britten was losing pace, and at

the head of Chatham Road surrendered his place to Codling, Derbyshire and Morrison. Britten is understood to have lost his bearings at this point, but in any case he could not keep up with the others who, led by Meir, rounded the road at 25-1/2 minutes. Moir held a big lead which assured an easy win, and he rounded Signal Hill fully, half-a-minute before Codling. Behind the private, Morrison closely competed with Derbyshire for third place, and their distance remained fairly well the same at the finish. Ralphs who had dropped out of the running gave his place to Britten who finished fifth, in front of Williams.

Times and placings were, as under:

	M. S.
1 Meir	30 32
2 Codling	31 05
3 Morrison	31 08
4 Derbyshire	31 13
5 Britten	32 00
6 Williams	32 50
7 Ralphs	33 05
8 W. Old	33 50
9 Hermitage	
10 Rooney	
11 Potter	
12 Hutchley	
13 Higgins	
14 Polley	
15 Meen	
16 Percival	

All the competitors finished with the exception of three, the first sixteen all coming in within 4½ minutes of each other. Britten lost about 80 yards through taking a wrong turning.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Church Hall was well filled to witness the presentation proceedings, Rev. G. R. Lindsay presided and was supported by Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. D. A. Purvis, Mr. N. L. Railton and a number of ladies.

Rev. G. R. Lindsay said it was a source of great pleasure to him that the Church in Kowloon had not only had an opportunity of associating itself with but of taking a leading part in the social and physical welfare of the community. They counted it as a privilege. They had little idea when the Association was formed hardly two months ago that it would meet with the success which had attended its efforts so far. The Committee which met for the first time barely six weeks ago, had realised its responsibilities in a manner which did it great credit. Their efforts covered a wide field and they realised that by the rules of the Association they had moral responsibilities and had formed a special Sub-Committee dealing with that side of the work. They were very happy that they had such a good race, which, he hoped, was the inauguration of an annual Marathon for Kowloon. (Hear, hear). As they knew, the Association was only a young one and had probably much to learn. If mistakes had been made early in its career they hoped to profit by them and remedy them in the future. At any rate, he wished to plead for the support of all the men of Kowloon. Some one, who had passed the stage of youth, had asked if he was eligible to join the Association. The answer was "Yes." They wanted all the men of Kowloon to join the Association. It had great possibilities and the realisation of those possibilities rested largely upon the men of the district. So far as the race was concerned it was a great joy to them to have such a beautiful day. Unfortunately military operations prevented a number of men competing. They were pleased so many had turned up. Mr. Lindsay proceeded to express thanks to Sir Paul Chater, the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph, Capt. Wheeler and Messrs. Farmer and Purvis for kindly presenting cups, and to Mr. E. J. Noronha for a case of 12 spoons. The Association, Mr. Lindsey added, took as their motto:

"It is not in mortals to command success,  
But we'll do more—  
We'll deserve it."

By their efforts they had done it. Mr. Lindsay paid a tribute to the exceedingly hard work of Mr. D. A. Purvis, as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Purvis would be the first to say he had not worked alone; many had backed him up right royally. (Applause).

Mr. Lindsay then distributed the prizes as under:

1. (Cup given by Sir Paul Chater) Andrew Meir, Kowloon Dock.

2. (Cup given by South China Morning Post and Hongkong

Telegraph) H. Codling, H.M.S. Titania.

3. (Cup given by Capt. Wheeler) J. Morrison, H.M.S. Titania.

4. (Cup given by Messrs Farmer and Purvis) H. Derbyshire, H.M.S. Titania.

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Tytam Tuk	29-10 Below	17.7 Below
Wong-ni-chung	35-0 Below	26.0 Below
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### FIRE BRIGADE REORGANISATION.

In view of the considerable number of fires, small and large, which have recently occurred in the Colony, the question has been raised as to whether our fire-fighting service is adequate to the needs of a port and commercial centre of the size and importance of Hongkong. From all that we hear, it is not; hence the observations which follow. We should doubt whether there is any place comparable to Hongkong in population, buildings, commerce and shipping where the Fire Brigade is run on such an antiquated system and the equipment so relatively small as is the case here, and we consider that the time has come, in view of the immense value of the merchandise and properties standing in risk of loss or serious damage, when the whole Fire Brigade service of the Colony should be thoroughly reorganised, its administration improved and its personnel and equipment materially strengthened.

Let us look, first of all, at the manner in which the Fire Brigade is at present run. The Force, we believe, consists, roughly, of a Station Officer and his assistant (both trained men) and about 120 firemen, half European and half Chinese. The Chinese are trained firemen, solely employed on this work, but the European members of the Force are drawn from the Police and such training as they receive is naturally, in view of their Police duties, by no means as thorough as that of men wholly engaged in Brigade work. The weak spot in such an arrangement is obvious, for, apart from the extreme difficulty of calling the men up on an urgent summons, (even when they are not engaged on important Police work) if they should turn out to a big fire they are naturally not fit for their other duties for some hours at the earliest. It cuts the other way, too, so that, under present arrangements, in case of important Police or Brigade emergencies, or both, one service or the other is bound to suffer. That evil springs from a larger one—the fact that the Fire Brigade is under the control of the Police Department. The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade is the Captain-Superintendent of Police whilst the Deputy Superintendent of Police and the Assistant Superintendent of Police are also holding subsidiary command positions with the Harbour Master as the head of the fire-float service. Thus the two experts (the Station Officer and his assistant) have only nominal control and are subject to orders from four or five Government servants who have not been in any way trained for the work. That is a bad arrangement, preventing that co-operation which is so essential in fire-fighting and leading on occasion (as in the case of recent fires, when both the Brigade's experts were in hospital) to the work of the Force being directed by men possessing very little, if any, practical knowledge of the duties required of them. The first necessity, therefore, is to separate the Fire Brigade from the Police and Harbour Departments and to make it a distinct Government Department, manned by and in charge of, expert firemen. The Government would never think of making the Director of the Observatory subject to control by the Head of, say, the Sanitary Department, for the self-sufficient reason that a trained man is needed at the head of that institution. It is equally essential that the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade should be a fireman, and not a cadet. So the type of Fire Brigade we need in this Colony is a Force having in absolute command a Superintendent who is a trained fireman, one or two assistants capable of taking charge in his absence, and a number of European firemen engaged on no other duties, each with his particular squad of trained Chinese firemen under him. One or two European ex-firemen employed as Fire Inspectors, whose duties would be the inspection of premises with a view to the enforcement of precautionary measures against fires, would also be most useful, for we fear that this important aspect of Fire Brigade work is, under the present system, largely neglected.

As to equipment, we have heard it said that it is altogether inadequate to the needs of such a port and colony as Hongkong. More pump engines are badly required. Hongkong has suffered by the transference of one engine to Kowloon, where at present there is no machine in reserve should anything happen to the one now available. There are other necessities also in the way of appliances—certainly something better than paraffin torches to facilitate work during fires at night, to mention only one shortcoming. To reorganise the Brigade, to strengthen its personnel and to add to its equipment will mean the spending of money, but that money would be insurance against disaster, regarding which the Colony is at present not protected as it should be. The methods under which the Fire Brigade is now run are no longer suited the Colony in its earlier days. They are now hopelessly out-of-date, the Colony has outgrown them. Reorganisation has become an urgent need.

### NOTES & COMMENTS.

#### Anglo-American Relations.

All the recent talk in America of strained Anglo-American relations, is, to say the very least, extremely unfortunate. It would seem that the alarmist reports had their origin in the minds of a few American newspaper men who cabled exaggerated versions of something that was told them in confidence by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador to America, who is visiting England at the present time. Sir Auckland, anxious to further the task of straightening out the few outstanding questions between the two nations, granted an interview to the pressmen in which he very frankly asked them to avoid cabling any news calculated, without full explanation, to disturb Anglo-American relations. The confidence which he reposed was not only betrayed but a deeper meaning than he intended to convey was read into his words, and Washington was treated to sensational cables which Reuter describes as having "amazed" the recipients. One can only hope that the pressmen concerned will be taken to task by their respective journals and also by their Government. Talk of war between Britain and America is so ridiculously foolish as to need very little comment. True, these two great English-speaking nations have not seen eye-to-eye on all post-war problems but there has been a frankness of expression that in itself has prevented any possibility of serious misunderstanding. Britain's one desire has been to secure perfect harmony and signs are not wanting to show that the way to a complete agreement is being gradually made clear. There are always some people ready to make trouble and both in Britain and America there has been mischievous talk of irreconcilable differences. Mr. Austen Chamberlain's remark with regard to the Allies' war debts has been seized upon by anti-British interests in the States and in England one can easily find those who like to accentuate any little disagreement between the countries. Anglo-American friendliness is so essential to the continued peace of the world that it is criminal to talk of hostility. Thank goodness the bulk of both peoples realise it and are striving after greater sympathy and understanding.

#### Naval Armaments.

The decision of the United States Naval Committee is, to say the least, disappointing, especially after the resolution of the Foreign Affairs Committee authorising the President to convene a conference regarding armaments. A Republican member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Mondell, put forward a strong case for restriction, but was opposed by his colleagues, and the Naval Committee has reported negatively on Senator Borah's reduction proposal. The conclusions of this body will, presumably, carry an appreciable degree of weight, but we infer that they are not binding, being rather in the nature of advisory views, and not necessarily implying the abandonment of the conciliatory step authorised by the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Mondell drew attention to the financial side of the problem, and even the United States, while better equipped for facing the drain than other nations, could hardly regard with equanimity appropriations on the scale that are being submitted to Congress. Fortunately, the mass of the American people are now taking note of these things, and there are signs that they are making their voices heard in an increasing volume.

#### The London Conference.

The German Government has notified its acceptance of the invitation to participate in the London conference for settling reparation arrangements, which has now been fixed for March. The Berlin Administration adds that "it supposes the negotiations will include the discussion of counter-proposals." After the conclusion of the Paris conference it was stated by official circles in London that discussion would only be admitted on points of detail, not on the main decisions of the Paris conference. French opinion is, of course, very much in favour of holding Germany to the terms recently framed, but is evidently anticipating trouble from Berlin. Italy's spokesman, Count Sforza, well sums up the situation when he says that, while Germany's finances are in a critical state, her economic

### DAY BY DAY.

AN ERROR IS THE MORE DANGEROUS IN PROPORTION TO THE DEGREE OF TRUTH WHICH IT CONTAINS.—Amiel.

"The Pharisees" are coming, on February 15 and 16. Keep your eyes and the dates open.

Mrs. Severn is to present the prizes at the Victoria British School at 11 a.m. on Monday.

The Boxing Association has arranged a tournament to be held at the Ming Yuen Gardens on the 21st instant. An attractive programme is promised.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of plague (one fatal), one fatal occurrence of small-pox and one non-fatal occurrence of diphtheria. The last-named was British; the rest Chinese.

The paper recently read by Mr. R. A. Nicholson on "Ross Growing in Hongkong" has been published in booklet form by the Hongkong Horticultural Society. Needless to say, being the work of an expert, it is full of most useful advice. It is issued free to members of the Society but can be procured by the public at 50 cents per copy.

A report from Chu Lu Kok states that a robbery was committed there on the 6th instant, when five men entered a matshed situated near the quarry, and stole property and provisions to the value of \$140, with \$50 in money. Previous to this the tenant heard three revolver shots being fired, and ran up the hillside leaving the robbers in possession of the field and of his property.

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### BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

#### The Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held at noon to-day, when there were present Mr. N. L. Leefe (in the chair), Mrs. Jordan (President), Mrs. Gompertz (Vice-President), Mrs. N. L. Smith (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Cavalier (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Roffey (Assistant Hon. Secretary), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mrs. Pollock, Rev. J. Kirk Macomachie, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. McElberry and Mrs. Cameron.

The annual report was as follows:—

The Ladies of the Committee beg to present the report of the work of the Society for the year ending December, 1920, together with the statement of accounts. The Society was founded in 1889, and the numbers of cases on our books has now reached 1584. During the year forty-five new cases have been entered and most all of them have received help in some form. In the few cases where nothing was done it was found that the applicants were not in need of help from the Society, or that they were Chinese or Portuguese, and they were directed as to where they might apply for help. Seven of the new applicants for help were women, five of them having small children, and a great number of ex-soldiers applied for clothes and help. The men helped were of various nationalities; West African, East African, Dutch, Danish and Indian, besides British subjects from many of the colonies. In some cases clothing was provided temporarily with board and lodgings; some were helped to get employment, whilst others were helped to leave the Colony. Three children have been placed at school during the past year, and several for whom the Society was responsible last year are now earning their own living. The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary attends at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays to interview applicants for help. Gifts of clothing and boots and shoes for men, women and children are very welcome and may be sent on these days. Many such gifts have been received during the past year, and the Committee wish to express grateful thanks to those who kindly sent them. The thanks of the Society were recently notified that the Peking Government has requested all Christian denominations to observe Sunday, February 20, as a day of prayer for the success of the fund for the starving people of North China. St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, gladly falls in with the request and will so observe the day. The Bishop of Victoria is to preach at the evening service.

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### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It has been the custom for so many years to associate the art of bellmaking with the historic towns of Belgium that it is almost a surprise to learn that bellmelters equaling, and even exceeding, in craftsmanship their Continental brethren are to be found within a short distance of London. At Croydon there has been established for over eighty years a bell foundry—namely, that of Gillet and Johnston—which has sent its bells to almost every part of the world. It might even be claimed that the making of bells is a Scottish art, inasmuch as the chief craftsman at the Croydon foundry come from north of the Tweed. The works are dominated by a large square tower, unique among factory towers in respect of the carillon of twenty-three bells which it contains. When the chimes are played by an expert carillonneur, they provide a revelation of the remarkable scope and musical possibilities of the bells. Inside the works are peals of bells in various stages of completion, from the Royal Exchange peal, weighing seven tons, which has just been recast, to a light peal of bells intended for a church at Broughton Ferry. The bells are made of pure copper and tin only, and there is no foundation for the picturesquely mythical precious metals, such as gold and silver, are used in the construction of some of the exquisitely toned bells in use here and on the Continent.

It is claimed by the Croydon bellmelters that they have rediscovered and perfected the art of the harmonic tuning of bells, a closely-guarded secret of the Belgian bellmelters of 300 years ago. This art was lost in the Netherlands, but its principles were again brought to light in Britain during recent years, where the application of improved methods of tuning and hanging have made it possible for the finest bells in the world to be turned out by British hand. The recasting of the Royal Exchange peal, which was found necessary owing to the development of rather pronounced discords, has just been completed at the Croydon works, and this recalls a curious coincidence in connection with the peal of bells hung in the old Royal Exchange, which was burned down in 1838. It is a well-authenticated fact that as the fire reached the bell-tower of the Exchange the machinery was set in motion by some means, and the whole peal fell into the flames whilst playing the old Scottish melody. "There's nae luck about the hoose." The recast peal consists of thirteen bells, the tenor itself weighing well over a ton.

count of the high rate of exchange. Next year the gold and silver investments of the Society would be embodied in the Society's annual statement of accounts. The 35 shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company were an investment out of which school fees were paid. The income from those shares was inadequate, and would be supplemented by a source of income to be obtained from another source. Personally, he thought the Society could rely upon the generosity of Hongkong to see to it that its needs were met financially at any time. In this connection he had been asked by the President to acknowledge with thanks the contribution of \$500 received this morning from Sir Paul Chater. The Chairman formally concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman said that the report and accounts had been in their hands for some time and he would take them as read. The report revealed the fact that the work of the Society for the past year had been more onerous and far-reaching than for the year immediately preceding. The number of new cases dealt with by the Society in 1920 was 45, as against 33 for the year before. This was in itself sufficient evidence of the growing usefulness of the Society and should constitute an appeal to all to do everything they could to aid it, whether financially or otherwise. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary attended the City Hall twice a week to deal with any cases that might arise, and he thought it was not inappropriate to remark that this work was no sinecure; on the contrary, circumstances very often made it an exacting ordeal, and credit was due to those ladies who at no little cost to themselves had entered into the work of analysing the cases of those who for the moment were stranded on the shores of the Colony. Turning to the accounts, the Chairman said that they would recollect that last year the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, presiding at that meeting, made a reference to a sum of money amounting to £500 presented by Mrs. J. R. M. Smith in memory of her late husband. That sum of money had been invested in War Lons. The capital and interest had been allowed to remain in England, as it was thought more advantageous on ac-

On the proposal of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, seconded by Rev. J. Kirk Macomachie, the following executive committee was re-elected for the following year:—President, Mrs. Jordan; Vice-President, Mrs. Gompertz; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Cavalier; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. N. L. Smith; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Roffey; Committee, Mrs. Pollock.

Mrs. Parr, Miss Inness, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. McElberry.

### THE COLONY IN EARLIER DAYS.

#### XVII.—Atrocious Piracy on A Douglas Steamer.

Just as the closing decade of the nineteenth century was about to begin an atrocious case of piracy suggestive of the Colony's earliest days or before occurred. On the 10th of December 1890 the steamer *Nanosa*, of the Douglas Steamship Company, left Hongkong for Swatow with five saloon and 220 Chinese deck passengers. The Chinese were chiefly returned emigrants from San Francisco and the Straits Settlements on their way to their homes with their savings.

Early in the afternoon after leaving Hongkong and while passing the island of Ping Hoi a band of between forty and fifty Chinese, armed with revolvers and cutlasses, suddenly made their appearance on deck. They had all changed their dress, and wore a kind of uniform not unlike that worn by Chinese soldiers. Before any of the officers and crew could realise their position, the pirates had divided themselves into several gangs and made a simultaneous attack on the saloon, where the Captain and passengers were at dinner, the engineers' and officers' quarters, the bridge, and the engine-room. The attack was so sudden that resistance was impossible, besides which the pirates had taken steps to prevent anything of the kind by first taking possession of the arms and ammunition belonging to the ship.

#### OPENING FIRE ON OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

The engineers' and officers' quarters were first subjected to fire. The second engineer and second officer were sitting at dinner when several shots were fired and "stinkpots" thrown in upon them. The second engineer, Ramsay, was shot through the arm, but, wounded as he was, he made his escape to the engine rooms. The second officer was made a prisoner and ordered, under threats of instant death, to show where the valuables were.

Another gang had attacked the third officer, Eddy, on the bridge. He jumped from the bridge, and, wounded as he was, made his escape to the engine rooms, where he was followed by the pirates. He also received a shot in the arm. The third engineer, who was in the engine room when the attack commenced, was joined by the second engineer and the second officer, both seeking refuge in the same place. The three men concealed themselves under the boilers and for some time eluded the search of the pirates.

#### THE CAPTAIN MORTALLY WOUNDED.

In the meantime another gang had attacked the saloon. Some of them pointed their revolvers through the skylight and called on the Captain, to come on deck. One man, speaking in pidgin English, said: "We are going to rob the passengers, and we want to settle with you." Captain Pocock, after some parley, left the table and walked towards the door of the saloon. He had hardly reached the dock when one of the pirates, who was standing at the door

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## DAY BY DAY.

## CORONET THEATRE.

## An Attractive Film.

To-day being the anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, warships in harbour dressed ship at the request of the commanding officer of the Japanese cruiser now in port.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Russia yesterday were Admiral and Mrs. Gleaves, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, and Mr. J. H. Wallace.

Mr. Francisco Vicuna, the Minister for Chile in Japan, is at present in Hongkong on his way to Havana, where he goes as Minister for Chile. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that he is the brother of Mr. Manuel Rivar Vicuna, the Chilean delegate to the League of Nations.

The J. C. Williams Variety Company presented their programme at the Theatre Royal again last evening, when there was the same range of entertainment. Mr. Williams as "the Singing Tramp", Mr. Scheniman in a versatile manner, the piano, and Mine, Gan Stalsky, with her remarkable voice, were among the attractions, and mention must not be omitted of the juvenile acrobat, "Little Toddy", and the excellent canine act.

The report made by the quarter-master of the Po Shek that he had been the victim of highway robbery proves to be false. The condition of the man when he was brought to the station by the Police, showed the effects of liquor, but by dint of patient examination, the fact has at length been brought out that for some obscure motive he trumped up the story and went the length of cutting his own legs, to give the impression that he was the victim of an armed attack. As he had not sufficient ingenuity to cut through his trousers legs, but had carefully lifted up the latter before inflicting the cuts, Sergeant Clark had no difficulty in disproving his story.

## THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian.")

**THE FUTURE OF JAPAN.**  
A noteworthy volume, especially to students of Far Eastern Affairs, is Mr. A. M. Pooley's "Japan's Foreign Policies", published by the American house of Dodd, Mead and Co. The author, formerly a Press correspondent in the island Empire, writes in large measure from first-hand knowledge. This is his third essay in the interpretation of Japan and the Japanese; of whom Mr. Pooley shows himself as a candid critic. His first volume was entitled, "The Secret Memoirs of Count Tadasu Hayashi," while in 1917 he created a stir with a work treating of Japan's internal problems under the caption "Japan at the Crossroads," which the Japanese Government placed on the "Index."

Mr. Pooley reads Japan's policy as control of China, and, through China, domination of all Asia, a continuation of the foreign policy enunciated by Hayashi, of "simultaneous political and commercial penetration." (The allusion is, of course, to the late Count Hayashi, not to Baron Hayashi, the person Ambassador to the Court of St. James.) The political ends were to be gained by constant threat of naval and military action, added to a group of foreign agreements which either actually favoured or did not hinder Japanese policy; and the commercial ends were to be gained by constant pushing of Japanese subsidized financiers, shipping companies, and traders for concessions, and these commercial concessions were to lead to political control. Mr. Pooley intimates that to this end Japan concluded a series of clever agreements with Great Britain, France, Russia, and America. Hayashi's mistake, says the author, was in underestimating American interest in Korea, and it is significant that Hayashi made this mistake about the one country that he had never visited. Japan now finds herself disliked and suspected in a way she did not contemplate, as Japanese returning to their native country after travel abroad remark with native wonder both in conversation and in letters to their daily press.

The three tactical methods employed by Japan to carry through her general strategic scheme in relation to China are cited as direct, attack by diplomatic channels; indirect attack by financial channels, and *agence provocatrice*, for the incitement of internal commotion among the Chinese themselves.

The whole object of Japanese policy from restoration days, states Mr. Pooley, has been the creation of patriotism by the identification of Throne with State, by bringing the Japanese to feel that any act was justifiable if for Japan. From this point of view, her statements can reiterate that Japan has never broken a promise, since it is right to lie for the State, and right to break a promise for the State, since it is possible to interpret any agreement in terms suited to the purposes of the state. As an instance of this last statement is made of the answer to the formal protest filed by the British and French Governments, when, in 1912, Japan abolished the duty on rice shipped from Korea to Japan, although she had agreed that no Korean import or export duties should be changed for ten years from the date of annexation. Her reply to the protest was to the effect that the Imperial Japanese Government understood *raised* by changed, and that therefore it had every right to lower or abolish duties.

The author remarks that a united and strong China would settle the peace of the Far East. Failing this, Mr. Pooley sees the only hope in the awakening of the nations to the significance of Japan's policy, except that he does see two possible hopes for the situation from within Japan. One is the student movement, the other is the continuing industrial unrest. What the young groups in China and Japan might achieve were mutual suspicion removed presents a fruitful theme.

It may be thought that Mr. Pooley's volume belongs to politics rather than to literature, and so it does, albeit it is worthy of notice from either standpoint. The position has perhaps been modified somewhat by quite recent aspects of Japanese policy, which evidently realizes the need of giving an assurance to the West regarding the "open door" in China. Discussion of a highly important subject is aided by

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works like this, even the student does not see eye to eye with the author.

At the time Thackeray's lectures attracted as much notice as his novels. An autograph letter that has lately come on the market lends a certain amount of confirmation to the theory that literateurs are indifferent business men. The communication, which refers to the celebrated lectures that were afterwards published as "The Four Georges", was written in reply to a business inquiry respecting his fee for the series. "My terms for the four lectures," he writes, "are one hundred guineas, with one half of the profits should these amount to any considerable sum. I am now engaged up to Christmas, and for the month of January in London. I shall have to go north in February or March, and might arrange to lecture

Compared with what Dickens made by his readings in America twelve years later, the terms asked appear astonishingly modest. Writing to his sister-in-law in 1868 the author of "David Copperfield" reports: "We took last night at Portland £360, where a costly Italian troupe using the same hall to-night had not booked £14." At Brooklyn for the same number of addresses as Thackeray £100 series, the receipts averaged over £550 per night.

In "My Lady of the Chinese Courtyard" a series of letters of a Chinese woman, set down by Elizabeth Cooper, many quaint but interesting ideas are expressed. There is a warning against mixed marriages, white women being told that "they have no place in Chinese life if they go East" and they lose their birthright with women of their own race by marrying a Chinese. The author expresses the opinion that there is little doubt that new China will be Westernised in every department. One hopes that the transition will be steady, not precipitate, so that, while progress is achieved, some of the old China's Charm will be preserved. The book (published by T. N. Foulis, Edinburgh, 6s) is tastefully illustrated with pictures of Chinese scenes.

Mr. Wells' "Outline of History" is enjoying remarkable sales both at Home and in America, notwithstanding its previous publication in England in serial form. It is somewhat unusual to find this branch of literature among the best-sellers, although there is, of course, the famous precedent of Macaulay's £20,000 for the History of England. But then any literary ware labelled "H.G." commands the public.

## "UNKNOWN WARRIOR" RECORDS.

First Edition Quickly Sold Out.

The first edition of the memorial gramophone records was sold out at once. These records were taken during the ceremony of the burial of the Unknown Warrior, and are being published by the Columbia Gramophone Company at cost price for the benefit of the restoration of Westminster Abbey. The double-sided 12in. disc record contains both Kipling's "Recessional" and "Abide with me." A further edition was promptly put in hand.

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## CHINESE LEAVE LONDON.

## Big Exodus of Seamen From The East-End.

There has been a considerable exodus of Chinese seamen from their East-end quarters in London, a Press representative was informed by a mission worker.

After two years of congestion owing to shipping difficulties many hundreds have departed in the last two months.

About 50 Anglo-Chinese children are being taught at a special evening school which has been established for the permanent Chinese residents. Their teacher is Miss Neum, who recently returned from China as a missionary.

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A Chinese committee has been formed to assist this educational experiment which so far has been a considerable success.

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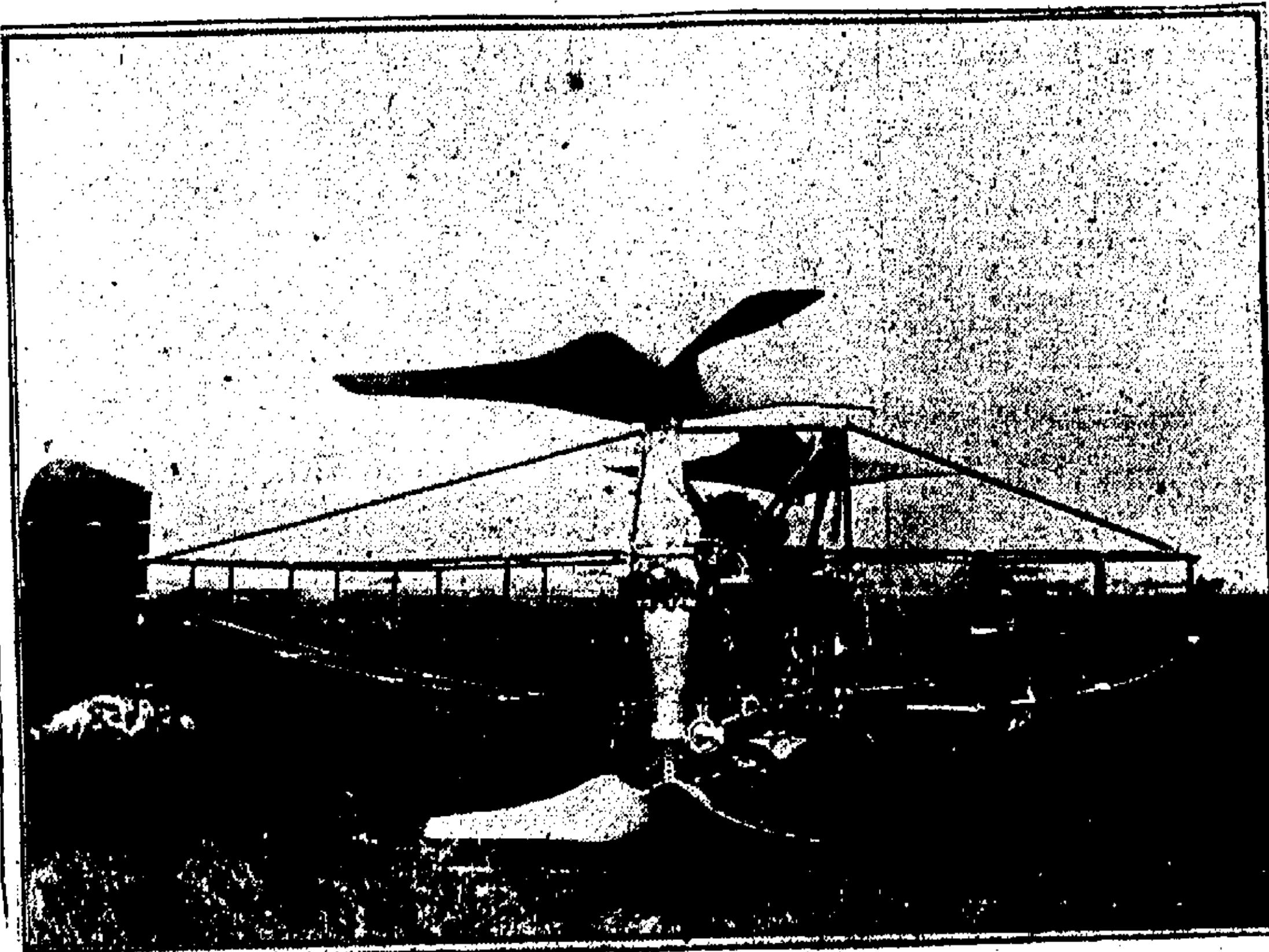
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# CAMERA NEWS



IN DUBLIN.

Recent photo from Dublin showing Black and Tans, with revolvers drawn, guarding veritable Sinn Fein arsenal found in cycle shop after its discovery.



LATEST IN AVIATION.

Here is a new flying machine invented by the Leinwever brothers of Chicago, which, it is claimed, will rise from the ground straight up.



PRINCE AS ENGINEER.

This is Prince Nicholas of Rumania, who is studying at Eton. He is shown at a lathe in the school's engineering room.



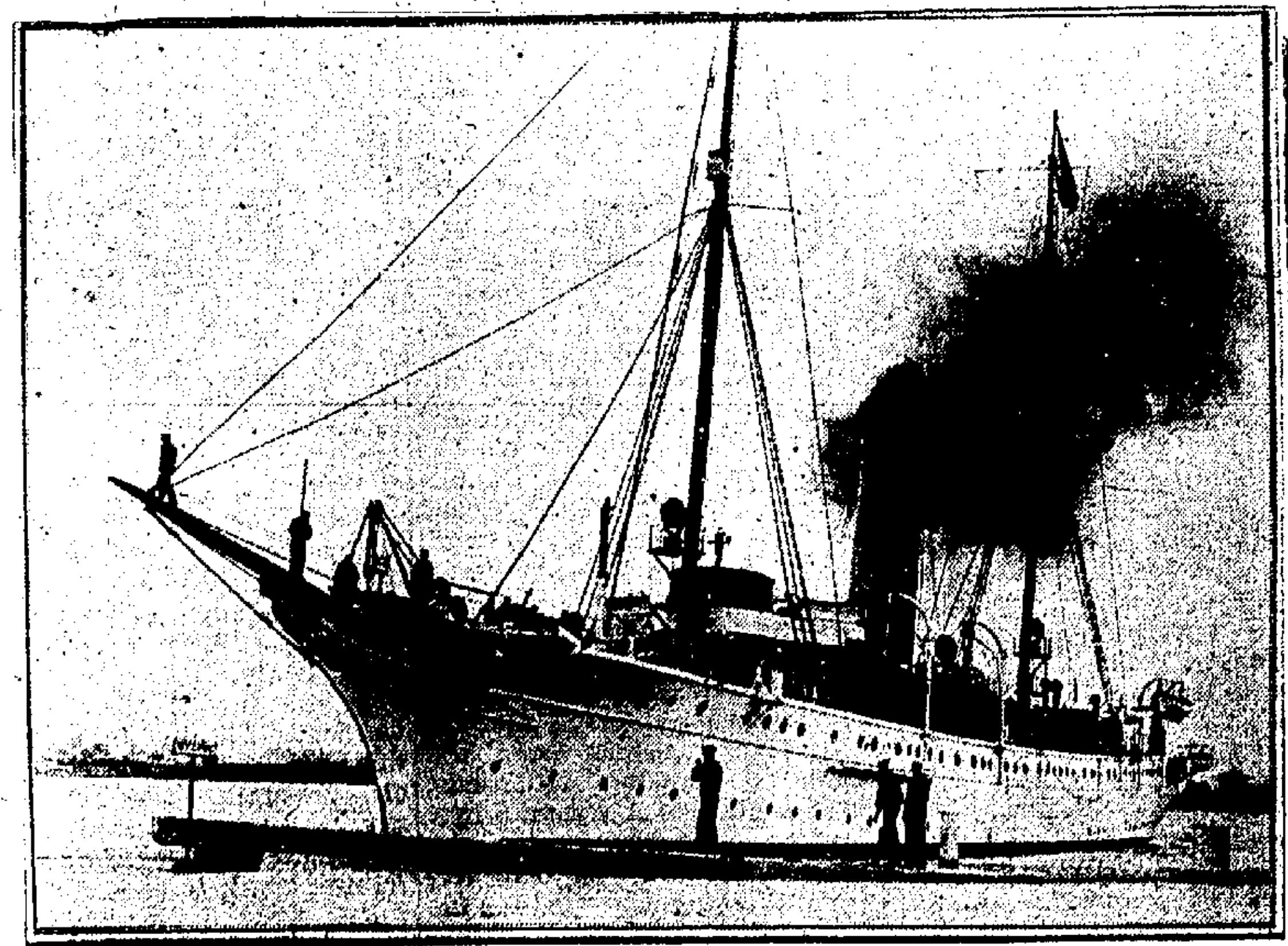
VIENNA'S PLIGHT.

The above photo showing unemployed men lounging in the streets of Vienna tells the story of conditions in Austria to-day.



SNOW DIVING.

Snow diving is the latest sport in Detroit, where this photo was taken.



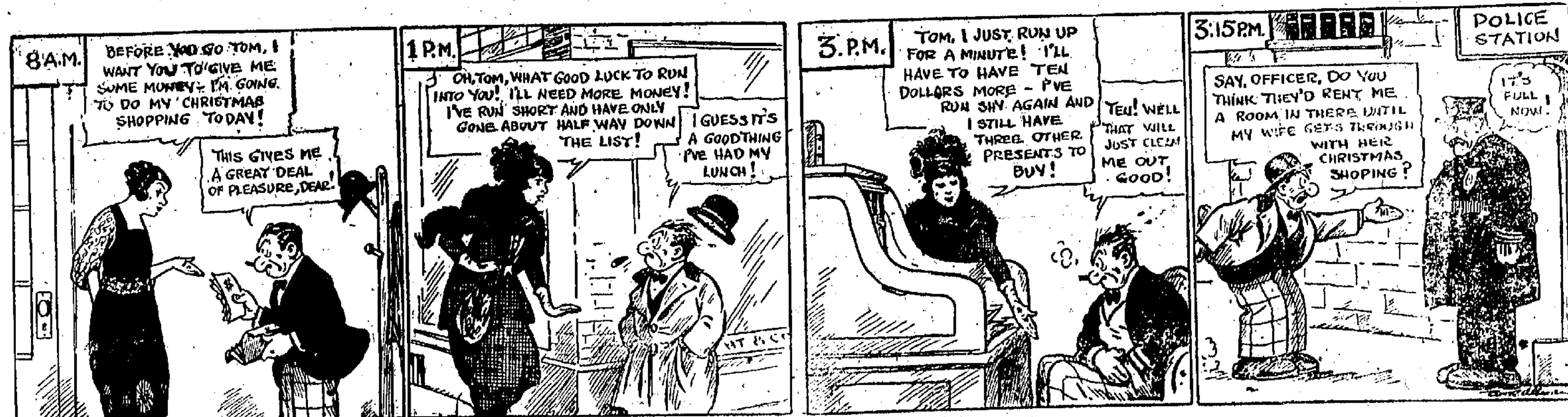
U.S. PRESIDENT'S YACHT.

Above is the Mayflower, the U.S. President's yacht, aboard which a serious fire recently occurred.

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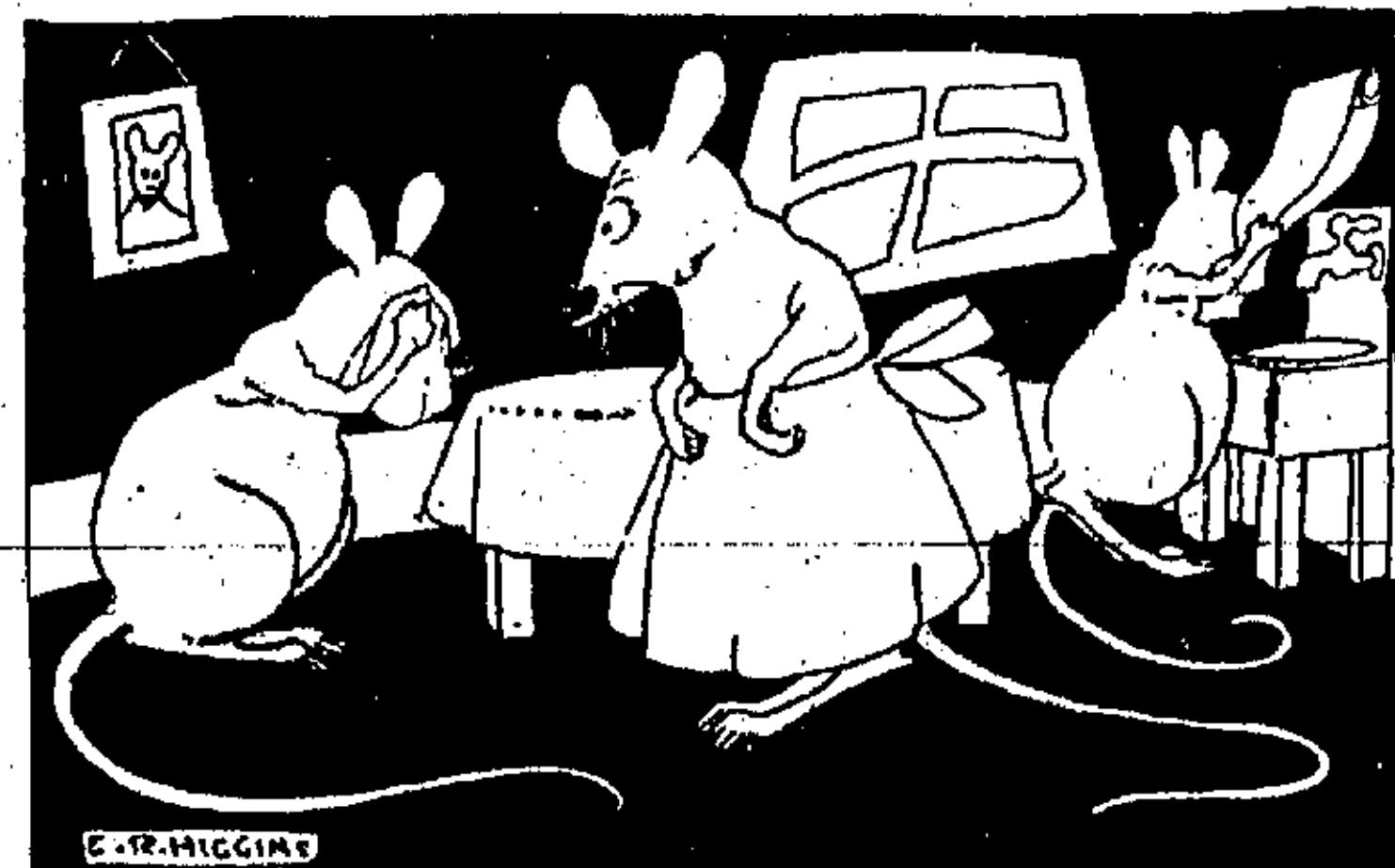
Lunch was partly on the table when Floppy Field-Mouse came creeping in from school. Mr. Munchie-Mouse was washing up at the sink and his wife was just helping out the soup.

Floppy was dreadfully hungry, because, as you know, he hadn't had a chance to sneak over to the corn-patch, for all he had slipped away under the schoolmaster's very nose. He and Muffy Mole had been fighting like silly's, and the time had flown. The noon bell had driven them home.

Floppy began to whimper, the only excuse he could think of for covering his swollen eye with his handkerchief.

"Poor dear!" Mrs. Mouse set down a plate of soup quickly and took him on her knee. "What's the matter with Mother's lovin-dovins?"

Mr. Mouse dried his face and paws on the roller towel and didn't say a word. Flip, looking out of the tail of his good eye, noticed



Floppy began to whimper, covering his swollen eye with his handkerchief.

this uneasily. What he was after was double-barrelled sympathy. He could always count on his Mother. But something had missed fire somewhere with his Daddy.

"Hmf, hmf, hmf!" he snivelled. "That old Mr. Scribble-Scratch is so—so mean! How can I do problems about earthworms? And mosquito bites? And everything."

"Don't worry, darlin'," soothed Mrs. Mouse. "The old lessons don't matter. What did the schoolmaster say?"

Now perhaps Floppy didn't do it on purpose (I can't say for sure), but just at that minute he let the corner of the hanky slip down from his eye—the one Muffy Mole had punched—and Mrs. Mouse saw it.

"Munch!" she shrieked, "come here and look at your son! That awful schoolmaster has— You march over there right away and attend to him."

But Munchie just sat down calmly and began to eat his soup.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

## FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Programme. The following is the programme of matches in the Hongkong League arranged for to-morrow.

## DIVISION I.

Hongkong Club v. Hongkong Police.—Club ground, and 4.30 p.m.

H.M.S. Titania v. R.G.A.—Navy "A" ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Wiltshires v. S.C.A.—Sookunpo ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Ambrose.—S.C.A. ground, at 4.30 p.m.

## DIVISION II.

R.G.A. Reserves v. United.—St. Joseph's ground, at 3 p.m.

Staff and Departments v. Kowloon Reserves.—Sookunpo ground, at 3 p.m.

H.K. Club Reserves v. S.C.A.—Club ground, at 3 p.m.

Oilers United v. St. Joseph's College.—Navy "B" ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Indian Recreation Club v. 22nd Punjab.—Navy "B" ground, at 3 p.m.

The Carlisle—Club de Recreio match is scratched.

The Club entertain the Police this week on the club ground, where a good game is expected. The last game between these teams ended in a goalless draw, and the Police will be out to improve on this result. The Club's weakest point at present is the back position, as, with Tonkin and Gerrard on the sick list, they will be hard pressed to turn out a representative side. Railton and McPhail have played some good games at full back and probably one of them will occupy this position for the match in question and Railton (one of three R.'s) who has played many a good game in the middle line filling the vacant position through one of them failing back. In view of the shield match next week, the Club would do well to try and strengthen their defense before the match.

The following will represent the Club against the Police: G. Rodger, W. Gerrard, G. Lawrence; M. L. Railton, G. Rodger, W. Ireland; J. B. Hamilton, H. McTavish, M. Sandberg, S. Begg, A. Boyson.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against the South China "A": J. Groot; A. K. Mckenzie, A. Ross; G. McDonald, J. Stutz, S. F. Sorronson; L. Goldenbeg, E. Railton, H. Day, J. P. Sherry, A. Ogilvie.

The following players will represent South China in their 1st Division match:—Lan Hing Cheung; Fung Tai, Chan So; Leung Yuk Tong, Leung Wing Sing; Ko Sik Wai, Ip Kau, Tai Fong, Cheung Ping Pak Chung, Kwok Po Kan, Au Kit Sang. South China's 2nd Division team will be: Hui Shing Yiu; Kwok Sin Yan, Tam Fong; Pang Kam Wing, Li Siu Ying, Lau Pong Wing; So Ching Ming, Leung Wing Tak, Lau Yik Tat, Chan Kwong Yiu, Lau Tak Chung.

The following will represent the United:—W. McLeod; J. Beach, D. D. Urquhart; J. Leonard, D. Laing, A. E. Simmons, J. Kent, P. Brown, G. T. May, C. H. Blake, G. Chubb. Reserve: W. Baker.

The Services meet on the Navy "A" ground, where one of the hardest games in the League should be seen. On paper, the sailors should win, for, comparing the form of those teams in recent matches, the R.G.A. managed to just get home from the Ambrose last week by 3 to 1, the Police beating the same team the previous week by 1 to nil and the latter team going down to the sailors last week by 6 to nil. The R.G.A. will try to maintain their position in the League and a fairly even game is expected.

The Wilts receive the Chinese at Sookupoo and the local team will probably reverse the result of their last meeting with the soldiers when they went down by 3 goals to one on their own ground. The Chings have improved since that match, but the Wilts have lost some good men. The Chinese will probably take the field without their regular Captain who was injured in the charity match, but they have some good reserves to draw upon. A fast game is expected.

Kowloon should beat the Ambrose on the S. C. A. ground. The last meeting between these teams ended in a draw of one all. The sailor-right wing turned out in the charity match in mid-week and gave a good account of themselves.

In the Junior division, the leaders meet the United on St. Joseph's ground where a good game is expected, with the service team winning by weight.

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THE COLONY IN  
EARLIER DAYS.

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They accordingly did so, and all the officers, engineers, and other Europeans were confined in the state-room, watched by a guard with drawn cutlasses. One of the passengers, a man named Peterson, a lighthouse-keeper in Chinese Customs service, being unwell and on deck when the first rush was made by the pirates, was one of the first victims, four bullet wounds being found in the head of the dead man.

How systematically the attack had been planned was seen in the fact that the pirates were able to once secure charge of the ship. They compelled the firemen to take charge of the engines, while the crew were made to carry out such work as the pirates wished done. Of three native quartermasters one was hit by a bullet and thrown overboard; the other two being also seriously wounded, while two Chinese cooks were also fired at.

THE PASSENGERS' PROPERTY  
RAKSACKED.

The ship was taken out to sea for some distance and the pirates applied themselves to the work of looting. There was no treasure on board in the way of cargo, so the pirates ransacked all the luggage, obtaining property to the value of some \$55,000, which was transferred to six banks. These had evidently been waiting by arrangement after regaling themselves with a feast on the Namao's deck, the pirates made preparations for leaving the vessel. The ship's signal lights were thrown overboard, the firemen were ordered to draw the fires and open the safety-valves so as to blow off the steam; the windlass was disabled, and generally everything was done that could delay the ship in getting away. Before quitting the ship the pirates threw a bag containing \$200 into the engine-room as a "thank you" to the firemen.

## THE PIRATES' EXPLANATION.

A little while after the pirates had gone the officers got out of the state room and the ship was then put in readiness as quickly as possible for returning to Hong Kong, where she arrived at 8 a.m. the next morning. The dredging news caused the greatest consternation, and immediately the authorities were told of the Navy doing what it could and the Chinese authorities notified of the occurrence.

December 12 one of the quartermasters, Malay, died in the ship, making four deaths. In meantime the police had succeeded with their inquiries and two arrests were made, but there was insufficient evidence.

The Chinese authorities, however, laid hold of a batch of the perpetrators, and on April 17, 1891, there was a wholesale execution at Kowloon City, when fifteen pirates, thirteen of them concerned in the Namao conspiracy, were decapitated. A few weeks later a further group suffered the same fate. Thus was expiated a crime reminiscent of the conditions prevailing when Britishers took possession of the island.

## WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

A woman who was sued by another woman at Southwark County Court—I don't want your piano. It has always been a rope round my neck.

A Willesden witness with two black eyes gave his name as Basham.

"I will tell nothing about the truth."—A woman taking the oath at Bow County Court.

A judgment debt-writer to the Shoreditch County Court that he was suffering from "bronchitis, asthma, heart disease, and impotency."

A cyclist at Kingston—I had no guilty knowledge that the lamp was out.

A solicitor at Westminster County Court—it should be remembered that my client is a foreigner. Judge Sir Alfred Tobin.—My experience is that foreigners are quite as acute as English people.

Mr. Thomas Lumsden, for seventeen years general relieving officer for the Lands area, states that in his experience 90 per cent. of the runaway husbands have run away.

A London conductor at Stratford—He was not properly drunk.

Ministrate—What is "properly drunk"?—The answer—When

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To-morrow.

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Philippine Is., Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Canada, United States, Central & S. America & Europa via Victoria—Per SUWA M, Reg. 845 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

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Per KAIFONG, 8 a.m.

Monday, 14th Feb.

Shanghai and N. China—Per TJILIWONG, 11 a.m.

Java Port via Batavia—Per HAIYANG, 11 a.m.

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Tien Tsin Per—KWANGSE, 3 p.m.

Swatow, \*Shang Mai & N. China—Per TIEN TSIEN, 5 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per DUNERA, 11 a.m.

Amoy & Shanghai & N. China—Per SHANTUNG, 11 a.m.

Japan—Per TANGO M, 10 a.m.

Japan—Honolulu and San Francisco—Per KEIYO M, 11 a.m.

Philippines, Australia, & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per AKI M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 16th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIIOLONG, 11 a.m.

Philippines, Islands, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per CHANG THA, Reg. 1245 p.m.

Letters 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Straits & Bangkok—Per LINAN, 9 a.m.

Sunday, 20th Feb.

Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per SADO M, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, 23rd Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, 24th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 25th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Saturday, 26th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 27th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Monday, 28th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, 29th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 1st March.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA M, Reg. 845 a.m.

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